

**Emerging Markets West Africa  
Plant Systems Analysis Training Workshop**

**Dakar, Senegal FY 2009**

**a. DATE**

August 15, 2008

**b. ORGANIZATION**

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**g. FULL TITLE OF PROPOSAL**

Plant Health Systems Analysis Workshop

**h. TARGET MARKETS**

Senegal and West African (Francophone) Plant Health Officials.

**i. CURRENT CONDITIONS IN THE TARGET MARKET(S) AFFECTING THE  
INTENDED COMMODITY OR PRODUCT:**

Currently the Phytosanitary regulatory infrastructure of Senegal does not have capacity to perform critical phytosanitary functions, including appropriate inspections on imported commodities such as grains and seeds. Their lack of expertise and clearly documented regulations pose impediments to potential importers/exporters of commodities to Senegal.

In addition there is a need to form a more constructive and sustainable relationship between the NPPO and the private sector to encourage/facilitate trade. This program will strengthen the national plant system in Senegal to support agricultural exports, facilitate the clearing of imported agricultural commodities and to safeguard their agricultural production..

**Opportunities:**

- Opportunities exist to improve import inspection region wide
- Update and improve inspection procedures of incoming and outgoing cargo for pests and diseases. The program will bring together plant health authorities to evaluate inspection procedures and explore ways to reduce constraints that limit or delay the movement of agricultural goods meant for export.
- Identify the highest-risk pathways and focus on border controls procedures/needs that will target priority pests and diseases.
- Update commodity inspection manuals and streamline export permit procedures.
- Support streamlined export regulations and continue analysis of high-risk pathways.

**Constraints Addressed:**

- Language and cultural barriers to increasing trade
- U.S. commodity exporters would have more confidence in Senegal's Phytosanitary import regulations and port of inspection procedures.
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**j. DESCRIPTION OF THE PROBLEM**

- Lack of technical capacity to rapidly inspect and clear agricultural commodities through ports of entry
- Lack of technical capacity to analyze, design and implement appropriate pest and disease control programs

**k. PROJECT OBJECTIVES**

The ultimate goal is to enable the NPPO to meet trade obligations and to better safeguard agricultural resources. The NPPO will identify specific changes that will enable Senegal's Plant Health System to develop action plans for long-term improvement of their Plant Health Organization.

**l. PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

Performance measures will include:

- Development of action plans to improve agricultural commodity clearance procedures at ports

- Reduction of time for clearance of agricultural commodities
- Development of action plans to safeguard agricultural commodities for export
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#### **m. RATIONALE**

This program will support AGOA and AGCI initiatives to improve African countries' ability to trade and facilitate international trade by strengthening phytosanitary regulatory systems.

#### **n. BENEFIT**

The benefit to the U.S. will be meeting our obligations under the WTO to strengthen developing trading partners and to support the AGOA initiatives..

#### **o. EXPLANATION**

Financial support is needed for this training program. Funding provided by EMP will demonstrate USDA's commitment to helping develop the phytosanitary regulatory capacity of West African countries. Since this is the first program of its kind in West Africa, the proposal includes funding for West African accommodations and per diem.

#### **SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES**

APHIS/USDA has traditionally provided the Plant Health Systems Analysis Workshop for International Counterparts. APHIS ITRCB is in the process of reviewing the components of this 4 week workshop in order to revitalize the training. Agenda will be available at the end of FY 08.

#### **p. TIMELINE**

The Plant Health Systems Analysis Course is a 3 ½ week course proposed for May 2009.

#### **q. SIMILAR ACTIVITY INFORMATION**

USDA's PASA with USAID for the AGCI has supported general training needs in the region, but has not focused on working with NPPOs to develop action plans for long-term improvement of their Plant Health organizations.

**r. ACTIVITY BUDGET**

<b>Plant Health Systems Analysis Workshop 3 ½ weeks</b>	<b>Requested Budget</b>	<b>Cooperator Contribution</b>
U.S. Team & Participants (4)	0	
Travel: U.S. Team & Participants (4)	42,000	
Per Diem West Africa Participants (20)	80,000	
Training Fees	5,000	
Translation	10,000	
Transportation	3,500	
Consulting Fee (est.)	5,000	
Conference Room Fees	7,500	
Misc. (Insurance, Supplies, etc.)	8,000	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$161,000.00</b>	